Fecundity of Indian Exclusive Economic Zone

1205. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had appointed a Committee of experts to decide on the fecundity of Indian Exclusive Economic Zone and resource availability to allow bull trawling;

(b) if so, the details of the report submitted by this Committee;

(c) whether any sick fishing units of Andhra Pradesh have applied for such permission; and

(d) what steps are being taken to ensure that sick fishing units are not burdened with further losses due to delays ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Report of the Committee has highlighted various aspects related to operation of bull trewlers in Indian EEZ, and it *inter-alia* includes an analysis of techniques of bull trawling, operation of bull trawlers in waters of other countries, checks and monitoring systems required in case of operation of bull trawlers, impact of bull trawling on activities of small fishermen, need for research schemes and studies for assessing impact of bull trawling.

(c) and (d) Some companies registered in Andhra Pradesh have applied for permission of chartering of foreign bull trawlers. Government have announced a scheme for rehabilitation for sick but viable fishing companies on 4th April, 1991 and cases of many fishing companies including some registered in Andhra Pradesh have been approved for rehabilitation.

Pepsi soft drinks concentrate

1206. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the value and quantity of Pepsi soft drinks concentrate produced during the last year;

(b) whether monthly production returns are being filed by Pepsi Foods;

(c) whether soft drink production is within 25 per cent limit as specified in foreign collaboration approval; and

(d) if not, whether Government proposes to stop Pepsi soft drinks production ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO) : (a) to (d) Provisional unaudited figures of sale of soft drink concentrate in value and quantity furnished by M/s. Pepsi Foods Ltd. for the year ending 31-3-1992 is Rs. 808.78 lakhs and 9034.3 units respectively. The company has also indicate a total turnover for the same period to be over Rs. 3250 lakhs and are filing monthly production returns. The issue of inerpretation of term 'total turnover of the company for the year' incorporated in FC approval have been referred to Ministry of Law and Minisry of Law's advice is awaited.

Non-fulfilment of condition by Pepsi Foods

1207. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH : Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Law Ministry has given its opinion regarding the case of Pepsi Foods' non-fulfilment of conditions of their foreign collaboration approval/letter of intent referred to by the Ministry of Food Processing Industries;

(b) if so, whether the Law Ministry concurs with the views of the Food Processing Ministry regarding the definition of turnover, the constitution of own manufactured goods, etc.; and

(c) what action under law is proposed to be taken against Pepsi Foods for violation of the condition of its foreign collaboration approval ?